

# **WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of July 27, 2010 Meeting**

**Warren Town Hall, 2nd Floor**

**7:00 pm**

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**Attendees: BG (Ret.) Richard J. Valente, Patricia Read, Eileen Collins, Ed Theberge and John DaSilva**

**Absent: Chris Fuller and Janet O'Brien**

**Location: Planning Board Conference Room, Warren Town Hall**

## **1- Call to Order**

**Chairman Richard J. Valente called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.**

## **2- Review of Applicants**

**None**

## **3 - Review of Minutes**

### **a. June 22, 2010 Regular Meeting**

**Because there was no quorum of committee members present who were in**

**attendance at the June 22, 2010 meeting, the committee tabled**

**voting to approve**

**the Minutes until the August 24 meeting.**

**However, the committee did vote to amend the Minutes, as written, to include**

**the words “not to exceed \$500” in the paragraph regarding authorization for Mr.**

**Theberge to place an advertisement in the Warren Times. General Valente made the motion to approve the amendment, with Mr. Theberge seconding.**

#### **4- Old Business**

##### **a. Financial Report**

**Mr. DaSilva offered two Financial Reports – the wrap up for FY 2009-2010 and the new FY 2010-2011 budget. As of June 22, the final total for 2009-2010 was \$35 under budget after paying the \$645.00 bill to TAP Printing, he said. Mr. DaSilva made a motion to pay that bill, seconded by Gen. Valente. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The appropriation from the Town for 2010-2011 is \$2,500. Mr. DaSilva said he spread that amount among various categories which can be changed as needed.**

**Mr. DaSilva asked the committee to approve paying \$90 to Lakeville Computers. This is an unbudgeted item because Town Planner Caroline Wells is supposed to take over administration of the WVHD Website, although Mr. DaSilva said**

**he has not discussed this with her as yet. Mr. DaSilva said he would**

prefer Ms. Wells to maintain the Website under the current domain name, rather than as a link to the Town's site. "Otherwise we'll be lost in the minutia of the Town's site and lose some functionality," he said. Until he meets with Ms. Wells, which he hopes to do as soon as possible, it is important for Lakeville to continue, he said.

Ms. Collins made a motion to pay the Lakeville Computers bill, seconded by Mr. Theberge. The motion passed unanimously.

The status report was stabled until next month.

#### **5- New Business**

**None**

#### **6-Correspondence/Other**

Mr. Theberge received a letter from Rick Greenwood from the RI Historical

Preservation and Heritage Commission answering the question "How does a structure

become historically significant." Mr. Thebege said he found the answer interesting and useful to many of the committee's deliberations. Gen. Valente asked him to send a copy of the letter to committee members.

The committee addressed a number of issues. Referring to an email sent to committee

members by the Town Planner, Mr. DaSilva questioned

whether Ms. Wells is

the right person to act as liaison. He asked if it should be a member of the Town Council. Former Councilor Louis Rego had served as liaison.

Gen. Valente agreed that a council member might be best, but was of the opinion that addressing the matter to the council should wait until after the November general election.

Gen. Valente asked the secretary to place the liaison question on the agenda for discussion for the August meeting,

The new restaurant at Town Wharf, 285 Water St., came under discussion. Mr. DaSilva asked if the owner and contractor “did anything we recommended?” He said unlike in the original plans, there is no cupola, only fencing on the roof. Members

discussed other discrepancies and debated whether to write a letter to the Building Official or to the Zoning Board addressing their concerns. Gen. Valente asked the secretary to locate the letter detailing the WWHDC’s recommendations to the Planning Board and any letter from the Planning Board to the developer.

If warranted, a letter will be sent to the Building Official, Planning Board and Town Manager.

## **7- Adjournment**

Mr. Theberge made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr.

**DaSilva and passed**

**unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**